



DRAFT MINUTES

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 | 1:30 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Chair
Rep. Marc K. Roberts, Chair
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Kyle R. Andersen
Rep. Brady Brammer
Rep. Suzanne Harrison
Rep. Jon Hawkins
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Phil Lyman

Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller
Rep. Andrew Stoddard

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams

Staff Present:

Lisa Sorensen, Policy Analyst
Alan Houston, Associate General Counsel
Thomas R. Vaughn, Associate General Counsel
Tracey Fredman, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Committee Business

Chair Thatcher called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 9.

Yeas-7

Rep. K. Andersen
Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. S. Harrison
Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. A. Stoddard
Sen. D. Thatcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-9

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. J. Hawkins
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. T. Seegmiller

2 . Legislative Review of Boards and Commissions

[2a - Presentation, Legislative Review of Boards and Commissions \[OLRGC\]](#)

Alan Houston, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, discussed changes related to the legislative review of boards and commissions that were enacted by 2020 General Session H.B. 10, "Boards and Commissions Amendments."

3 . Advice and Consent Process

[3a - 2020 General Session S.B. 60, Advice and Consent Amendments](#)

Sen. Karen Mayne provided an overview of changes to the process for governor appointments and Senate confirmations that were enacted by 2020 General Session S.B. 60, "Advice and Consent Amendments."



4 . Required Report: Boards and Commissions

[4a - Boards and Commissions Database and Reporting Status Update, September 2020](#)

Duncan Evans, Budget Manager, Governor's Office of Management and Budget, discussed changes to the annual reporting cycle of executive boards and commissions. He also reviewed a list of boards and commissions created during the prior calendar year as identified on the handout, "Boards and Commissions Database and Reporting Status Update, September 2020."

Scott Wolford, IT Director, Governor's Office, briefed committee members regarding planned updates to applications that support and provide functionality to the governor's boards and commissions database reporting program.

Mike Mower, Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor's Office, noted that funding cuts have slowed the implementation of updates to the governor's boards and commissions database reporting program.

5 . Federal Legislation Related to COVID-19

[5a - COVID-19 State Funds and CARES Act Budget Report, September 2020](#)

Duncan Evans, Budget Manager, Governor's Office of Management and Budget, reported on federal funds that have been received and used to help with the COVID-19 response in the state.

Gopi Krishna, citizen, asked a question about funding resources.

Phil Dean, Interim Executive Director, Governor's Office of Management and Budget, responded to Mr. Krishna's question about additional funding sources.

6 . Contracts and Purchases During States of Emergency

Phil Dean, Interim Executive Director, Governor's Office of Management and Budget, briefed the committee on the standard procurement process and how the procurement process changes during states of emergency.

Christopher Hughes, Director and Chief Procurement Officer, Utah Division of Purchasing and General Services, discussed the divisions' response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

7 . Emergency Powers

[7a - Presentation, Local Health Department Response to COVID-19](#)

[7b - Authority of the Department of Health](#)

[7c - Presentation, Emergency](#)

MOTION: Rep. Hawkins moved that the committee hear Agenda Item 7, Emergency Powers, at the next meeting to allow additional time to study Agenda Item 6, Contracts and Purchases During States of Emergency.

No vote was taken on this motion.

Thomas R. Vaughn, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, presented a history of the Disaster Response and Recovery Act.

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 2.



Yeas-14

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Rep. M. Roberts
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. A. Stoddard
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. T. Weiler

Chair Thatcher adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.